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This report contains the results from the **Weekly Broiler Hatchery Report**. Thanks to all who responded to this survey.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 4 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 240 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 7, 2020, up 4 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.5 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 34.1 million eggs during the week ending March 7, 2020, up 14 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.3 million eggs during the same week, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 190 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 7, 2020, up 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through March 7, 2020 for the United States were 1.91 billion. Cumulative placements were up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.5 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 7, 2020, up 16 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.6 million chicks, down 4 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2020

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	February 1, 2020	February 8, 2020	February 15, 2020	February 22, 2020	February 29, 2020	March 7, 2020	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	33,619	34,263	33,827	33,887	34,075	34,066	114
Florida	1,168	1,209	1,193	1,191	1,209	1,225	103
Georgia	35,289	35,004	35,129	35,004	35,334	35,324	101
South Carolina....	5,889	5,802	5,888	5,513	5,809	5,643	95
United States	238,818	239,736	237,916	238,420	241,060	239,796	104

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	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
Alabama	25,233	25,402	24,750	25,635	24,510	24,465	116
Florida	1,245	1,297	1,281	1,316	1,349	1,314	99
Georgia	26,276	27,510	28,702	25,984	27,625	27,633	96
South Carolina....	4,689	4,542	5,279	5,301	5,263	4,644	110
United States	191,466	189,981	191,781	190,354	190,936	189,957	103

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Alabama	33,619	34,263	33,827	33,887	34,075	34,066
Arkansas	24,228	24,356	23,714	24,495	24,141	24,285
Delaware	5,242	5,459	5,245	5,223	5,454	5,335
Florida	1,168	1,209	1,193	1,191	1,209	1,225
Georgia	35,289	35,004	35,129	35,004	35,334	35,324
Kentucky	7,905	7,864	7,884	7,513	7,873	7,111
Louisiana	3,879	3,879	3,835	3,774	3,744	3,850
Maryland	8,387	7,758	8,113	7,879	8,439	8,455
Mississippi	18,124	18,153	18,351	17,906	18,354	18,213
Missouri	8,778	8,949	8,660	8,849	8,890	9,096
North Carolina	24,884	25,078	24,763	25,254	25,138	24,996
Oklahoma	7,756	7,507	7,464	7,398	7,407	7,357
Pennsylvania	6,000	5,893	5,741	6,088	6,135	5,979
South Carolina	5,889	5,802	5,888	5,513	5,809	5,643
Texas	17,369	17,846	17,250	17,681	17,907	17,245
Virginia	6,469	6,508	6,512	6,434	6,438	6,498
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,044	13,315	13,243	13,193	13,173	13,397
Other States	10,788	10,893	11,104	11,138	11,540	11,721
United States	238,818	239,736	237,916	238,420	241,060	239,796
Percent of previous year	104	105	103	103	104	104

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Alabama	25,233	25,402	24,750	25,635	24,510	24,465
Arkansas	22,785	22,375	20,203	22,190	22,396	22,213
Delaware	5,625	4,359	4,534	6,196	5,351	4,881
Florida	1,245	1,297	1,281	1,316	1,349	1,314
Georgia	26,276	27,510	28,702	25,984	27,625	27,633
Kentucky	5,683	6,739	6,233	6,612	6,435	6,555
Louisiana	3,201	3,229	3,327	3,357	3,281	3,297
Maryland	4,747	5,969	6,306	5,018	5,406	5,918
Mississippi	15,319	14,832	15,255	14,984	15,127	15,499
Missouri	5,132	6,098	6,424	5,800	5,596	5,989
North Carolina	20,820	20,004	19,736	20,185	19,854	20,295
Oklahoma	4,388	3,705	5,401	4,321	4,247	4,069
Pennsylvania	4,398	4,353	4,427	4,419	4,196	4,174
South Carolina	4,689	4,542	5,279	5,301	5,263	4,644
Texas	14,639	13,842	14,387	13,643	14,235	13,202
Virginia	6,402	6,235	5,851	5,587	6,087	6,041
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,004	11,174	11,513	11,458	11,432	11,166
Other States	8,880	8,316	8,172	8,348	8,546	8,602
United States	191,466	189,981	191,781	190,354	190,936	189,957
Percent of previous year	104	104	104	103	104	103

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